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Hsiao V.C.; Tian R.; Long H.; Perng M.D.; Brenner M.; Quinlan R.A.; Goldman J.E.  
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Alexander disease is a fatal neurological illness characterized by white-matter degeneration and the formation of astrocytic cytoplasmic inclusions called Rosenthal fibers, which contain the intermediate filament glial fibrillary acidic protein (GFAP), the small heat-shock proteins HSP27 and alphaB- crystallin, and ubiquitin. Many Alexander-disease patients are heterozygous for one of a set of point mutations in the GFAP gene, all of which result in amino acid substitutions. The biological effects of the most common alteration, R239C, were tested by expressing the mutated protein in cultured cells by transient transfection. In primary rat astrocytes and Cos-7 cells, the mutant GFAP was incorporated into filament networks along with the endogenous GFAP and vimentin, respectively. In SW13VimSUP- cells, which have no endogenous cytoplasmic intermediate filaments, wild-type human GFAP frequently formed filamentous bundles, whereas the R239C GFAP formed 'diffuse' and irregular patterns. Filamentous bundles of R239C GFAP were sometimes formed in SW13VimSUP- cells when wild-type GFAP was co-transfected. Although the presence of a suitable coassembly partner (vimentin or GFAP) reduced the potential negative effects of the R239C mutation on GFAP network formation, the mutation affected the stability of GFAP in cells in a dominant fashion. Extraction of transfected SW13VimSUP- cells with Triton-X-100-containing buffers

showed that the mutant GFAP was more resistant to solubilization at elevated KCl concentrations. Both wild-type and R239C GFAP assembled into 10 nm filaments with similar morphology in vitro. Thus, although the R239C mutation does not appear to affect filament formation per se, the mutation alters the normal solubility and organization of GFAP networks.

DRUG DESCRIPTORS:

\*glial fibrillary acidic protein--endogenous compound--ec  
heat shock protein 27--endogenous compound--ec; alpha **crystallin**--endogenous compound--ec; beta **crystallin**--endogenous compound--ec;  
ubiquitin--endogenous compound--ec; amino acid--endogenous compound--ec;  
mutant protein--endogenous compound--ec; vimentin--endogenous compound--ec;  
triton x 100; buffer; potassium **chloride**; **arginine**--endogenous compound--ec;  
cysteine--endogenous compound--ec

MEDICAL DESCRIPTORS:

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gene mutation; neurologic disease--etiology--et; clinical feature; white matter; astrocyte; cell inclusion; heterozygosity; point mutation; amino acid substitution; protein expression; cell culture; genetic transfection; cytoplasm; wild type; protein assembly; intermediate filament; protein stability; solubilization; concentration (parameters); cell structure; in vitro study; protein structure; human; nonhuman; rat; controlled study; human cell; animal cell; article; priority journal  
CAS REGISTRY NO.: 60267-61-0 (ubiquitin); 65072-01-7 (amino acid);  
7447-40-7 (potassium chloride); 1119-34-2, 15595-35-4, 7004-12-8,  
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Title: Expression of arginine decarboxylase in seedlings of indica rice  
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Author(s): Chattopadhyay MK; Gupta S; Sengupta DN; Ghosh B (REPRINT)  
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Abstract: The effect of salinity stress on the activity of arginine  
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polyamines (PA) from arginine, as well as its transcript level has  
been compared in salt-sensitive (M-1-48) and salt-tolerant (Pokkali)  
rice cultivars. Treatment of 72 h grown seedlings either with  
increasing concentrations of NaCl or with 150 mM NaCl for different  
time periods, showed a gradual increase of activity in Pokkali. In  
M-1-48 an immediate increase followed by sharp decrease was observed on  
prolonged treatment beyond 6 h or above 150 mM NaCl. To generate a DNA  
probe for ADC, the polymerase chain reaction was used with oat genomic  
DNA and sequence-specific primers. A region of oat genomic DNA  
containing a coding sequence for 166 amino acids of the C-terminal part  
of the ADC enzyme was amplified and called OAD1. Southern analysis of  
EcoRI- or BamHI-cut genomic DNAs from different cultivars of rice with  
OAD1 as the probe revealed strong hybridization with one DNA fragment  
of rice and restriction fragment length polymorphism (RFLP) was  
noticed. Northern analysis of total RNA of rice with OAD1 as the probe  
revealed hybridization with a transcript of similar size to the ADC  
transcript in oat. While in Pokkali, at least a 20-fold accumulation of  
OAD1 homologous transcript was detected after treatment with 200 mM  
NaCl, only a seven-fold increase in transcript level was found in  
M-1-48 after 150 mM NaCl treatment. Results suggest that in the  
salt-tolerant rice cultivar Pokkali ADC enzyme activity increases and  
its transcript also accumulates during the prolonged salinity stress,  
this mechanism is absent in the salt-sensitive rice cultivar M-1-48  
where a prolonged period of salinity stress down-regulates both ADC  
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Author(s): Chandler LJ (REPRINT) ; Sutton G; Norwood D; Summers C; Crews FT

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Abstract: The effects of prolonged ethanol exposure on excitatory amino acid receptor stimulated nitric oxide (NO) formation were examined in primary rat cortical neuronal cultures. Chronic ethanol (4 days, 100 mM) potentiated N-methyl-D-aspartate (NMDA)-stimulated NO formation as determined by measuring the conversion of [H-3] arginine to [H-3]citrulline. In contrast, chronic ethanol had no effect on NO formation stimulated by kainate, alpha-amino-3-hydroxy-5-methyl-4-isoxalonepropionic acid, or the calcium ionophore ionomycin. Potassium chloride -stimulated NO formation was also enhanced by chronic ethanol treatment, but this effect was not seen in the presence of the ionotropic glutamate receptor antagonists MK-801 and 6-cyano-7-nitroquinoxaline-2,3-dione. Immunoblot analysis of expression of NR1, NR2A, and NR2B receptor subunits showed no difference between control and chronic ethanol-treated cultures. In support of this apparent lack of change in receptor density, there was no difference in the specific binding of I-125-MK-801 between control and chronic ethanol-treated groups. These results demonstrate that prolonged ethanol exposure selectively enhanced NMDA receptor-stimulated NO formation, which may play an important role in alcohol dependence, withdrawal, and alcohol-associated brain damage. These results also suggest that chronic ethanol-induced increases in NMDA receptor function may not be due to a simple increase in the number of NMDA receptors or change in NMDA receptor subunit composition but may instead reflect more complicated and subtle changes.

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**Abstract:** 1 The effect of insulin on the release of noradrenaline (NA) from nerve terminals was investigated in isolated ileal synaptosomes of guinea-pig. Release was determined as the amount of NA, quantified by h.p.l.c.-electrochemical detection, from samples incubated with insulin minus that in parallel blanks treated with some volume of vehicle.

2 Porcine insulin stimulated the secretion of NA in a concentration-dependent manner from 0.01 i.u. ml<sup>-1</sup>, while the value of lactate dehydrogenase in the incubated medium was not influenced by insulin.

3 The presence of insulin receptors in this preparation was illustrated by immunoblotting with insulin receptor monoclonal antibodies.

4 The release of NA by insulin was reduced by guanethidine and bretylium and it was markedly lowered in the samples obtained from guinea-pigs that had received an intraperitoneal injection of DSP-4, the noradrenergic neurotoxin.

5 Tetrodotoxin attenuated the action of insulin at concentrations sufficient to block sodium channels. The depolarizing effect of insulin on the membrane potential was also illustrated by a concentration-dependent increase in the fluorescence of bisoxonol, a potential-sensitive dye.

6 The action of insulin was attenuated by removal of calcium chloride from the bathing medium. The induction of calcium ion influx by insulin into the synaptosomes is supported by the inhibitory effects of the calcium channel blockers omega-conotoxin GVIA (for the N-type channels) and nifedipine (for the L-type channels).

7 These findings suggest that insulin can stimulate NA release from noradrenergic terminals via activation of calcium influx.

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95-0651 001 (CALCIUM CHANNELS; RAT CEREBELLAR GRANULE NEURONS; CA2+ RELEASE)

95-3958 001 (RAT ISOLATED ANOCOCCYGEUS MUSCLE; SCORPION TOXINS; VOLTAGE-GATED ION CHANNELS; L- ARGININE -NITRIC OXIDE PATHWAY INVOLVEMENT; RELAXANT RESPONSES)

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Abstract: BACKGROUND: Red cells (RBCs) stored in hypo-osmolar additive solutions with the same concentrations of adenine, dextrose, mannitol, and sodium chloride and varied amounts of ammonium, phosphate, glycerol, and glutamine were better preserved than RBCs in the standard additive solution (Adsol). Cell swelling occurred in all the experimental additives. This observation prompted the evaluation of glutamine and glycine alone, as well as a combination of glutamine and glycine, all of which have been described as producing swelling of rat liver cells.

STUDY DESIGN AND METHODS: Aliquots of RBCs were stored at 4 degrees C in Adsol or experimental additive solutions (EASs) all containing adenine, 2 mM; dextrose, 110 mM; mannitol, 55 mM; and sodium chloride, 50 mM. EAS 42 had, in addition, glutamine, 10 mM; glycine 5 mM; and phosphate, 20 mM. EAS 43 had glutamine, 10 mM glycine, 10 mM; and phosphate 20 mM. EAS 44 had glutamine, 10 mM; EAS 45 had glutamine, 10 mM, and phosphate, 20 mM; and EAS 46 had only glycine, 10 mM. At intervals, measurements were made of mean corpuscular volume, mean corpuscular hemoglobin concentration, morphology, ATP, hemolysis, supernatant potassium, ammonia, pH, and microvesicles shed.

RESULTS: The initial mean corpuscular volumes were larger in all EASs than in Adsol, but the greatest difference was between EASs 44 and 46 (108 fL) and Adsol (86 fL) ( $p<0.001$ ). The morphology scores were significantly better in all the EASs ( $p<0.04$ ). The ATPs were

significantly greater in all the EASs ( $p<0.001$ ), and highest in those with phosphate. Potassium leakage and hemolysis were less in the EASs ( $p<0.001$ ). The ammonia levels were higher in all the EASs than in Adsol, with the exception of EAS 46. During storage, the extracorporeal and intracorporeal pH levels were essentially identical. The shedding of microvesicles was greatly reduced in all the EASs.

CONCLUSION: Cell swelling induced in RBCs after collection appears to improve preservation. Ammonia and phosphate enhance RBC ATP maintenance. Glycine decreases the formation of ammonia by RBCs stored in a hypotonic medium.

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Abstract: As measured at 100  $\mu$ M extracellular **arginine**, aminoguanidine produced a time- and concentration-dependent inactivation of nitric oxide (NO) synthesis by cytokine-induced RAW cells. Inactivation obeyed first-order kinetics and occurred at a maximal rate of 0.22 min<sup>-1</sup> with a half-maximal inactivation rate observed at a concentration of 670  $\mu$ M aminoguanidine (K-I value). Inactivation of NO synthetic activity in the presence of N-G-methyl-L- **arginine** similarly followed first-order kinetics with a maximal inactivation rate of 0.07 min<sup>-1</sup> and a K-I value of 170  $\mu$ M. Inactivation of NO synthetic activity in the presence of diphenyliodonium **chloride** occurred with a maximal inactivation rate of 0.24 min<sup>-1</sup> with a K-I value of 14  $\mu$ M. Diphenyliodonium **chloride** also produced a first-order rate of inactivation of cytokine-inducible nitric oxide synthase (iNOS) activity purified from cytokine-induced RAW cells with a maximal inactivation rate of its cytochrome c reductase activity of 0.24 min<sup>-1</sup> with a K-I value of 18  $\mu$ M. Cytokine-induced RAW cells were treated with aminoguanidine, N-G-methyl-L- **arginine**, and diphenyliodonium **chloride** at concentrations and for a time sufficient to completely inactivate NO synthesis by the cells and were allowed to recover in drug-free medium. Despite the presence of cycloheximide, NO synthetic rate recovered from 70 to 90% of its pretreatment activity over 4 h in cells exposed to either aminoguanidine or N-G-methyl-L-arsnine but did not recover from exposure to diphenyliodonium **chloride**. Analysis by sucrose density gradient centrifugation of the cytochrome c reductase and citrulline-forming activities in extracts of cells recovered from aminoguanidine treatment revealed that recovery was accompanied by a diminished population of iNOS monomers with an increased population of iNOS dimers. This observation is consistent with the hypothesis that for the mechanism-based inactivator aminoguanidine, functional dimers can be assembled from "drug-undamaged" monomers during the recovery period.

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Abstract: Mutations in a Cl- channel (cystic fibrosis transmembrane conductance regulator or CFTR) are responsible for the cystic fibrosis (CF) phenotype. Increased Na+ transport rates are observed in CF airway epithelium, and recent studies suggest that this is due to an increase in Na+ channel open probability (P-o). The *Xenopus* renal epithelial cell line, A6, expresses both cAMP-activated 8-picosiemens (pS) Cl- channels and amiloride-sensitive 4-pS Na+ channels, and provides a model system for examining the interactions of CFTR and epithelial Na+ channels. A6 cells express CFTR mRNA, as demonstrated by reverse transcriptase-polymerase chain reaction and partial sequence analysis. A phosphorothioate antisense oligonucleotide, complementary to the 5' end of the open reading frame of *Xenopus* CFTR, was used to inhibit functional expression of CFTR in A6 cells. Parallel studies utilized the corresponding sense oligonucleotide as a control. CFTR protein expression was markedly reduced in cells incubated with the antisense oligonucleotide. Incubation of A6 cells with the antisense oligonucleotide led to inhibition of forskolin-activated amiloride-insensitive short circuit current (I-sc). After a 30-min

exposure to 10  $\mu$ M forskolin, 8-pS Cl<sup>-</sup> channel activity was detected in only 1 of 31 (3%) cell-attached patches on cells treated with antisense oligonucleotide, compared to 5 of 19 (26%) patches from control cells. A shift in the single-channel current-voltage relationship derived from antisense-treated cells was also consistent with a reduction in Cl<sup>-</sup> reabsorption. Both amiloride-sensitive I<sub>sc</sub> and Na<sup>+</sup> channel P<sub>o</sub> were significantly increased in antisense-treated, forskolin-stimulated A6 cells, when compared with forskolin-stimulated controls. These data suggest that the regulation of Na<sup>+</sup> channels by CFTR is not limited to respiratory epithelia and to epithelial cells in culture overexpressing CFTR and epithelial Na<sup>+</sup> channels.

Identifiers--KeyWords Plus: TRANSMEMBRANE CONDUCTANCE REGULATOR; PROTEIN-KINASE-C; NA<sup>+</sup> CHANNELS; SODIUM-CHANNELS; CHLORIDE CHANNELS; ANTISENSE OLIGODEOXYNUCLEOTIDE; ARGININE -VASOPRESSIN; AIRWAY EPITHELIA; CFTR; A6

Research Fronts: 95-0327 004 (CYSTIC-FIBROSIS TRANSMEMBRANE CONDUCTANCE REGULATOR GENE; DIETARY-CHANGES IMPROVE SURVIVAL OF CFTR S489X HOMOZYGOUS MUTANT MOUSE)

95-5061 002 (STRUCTURAL GENE; GLTC-DEPENDENT REGULATION OF BACILLUS-SUBTILIS GLUTAMATE SYNTHASE EXPRESSION; ARABIDOPSIS TYPE-1 PROTEIN PHOSPHATASE)

95-3190 001 (INCREASED ABUNDANCE OF SPECIFIC SKELETAL-MUSCLE PROTEIN-TYROSINE PHOSPHATASES; ALPHA-B- CRYSTALLIN EXPRESSION)

95-4481 001 (K<sup>+</sup> CHANNELS IN CULTURED RAT NEURONAL CELLS; DIFFERENT GATING KINETICS; SINGLE NMDA RECEPTOR CURRENTS; CARDIAC SARCOPLASMIC-RETICULUM)

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Abstract: Amylin is a hormone produced by the pancreatic islets of Langerhans. Amylin decreased food pellet consumption. Amylin also decreased lever pressing for milk solution whether or not the mice were prefed. Amylin did not produce a conditioned taste aversion in a two bottle test, whereas lithium chloride did. In addition, L- arginine ,

a precursor for nitric oxide synthesis, was demonstrated to inhibit the ability of amylin to decrease food intake. Amylin did not alter nitric oxide synthase activity in the fundus of the stomach. These studies demonstrated that amylin inhibits food intake at a higher range of doses than is typical of anorectic agents such as cholecystokinin. Amylin does not appear to decrease food intake by reducing the release of nitric oxide but may affect appetite by modulating serum glucose levels when co-released with insulin. Copyright (C) 1997 Elsevier

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Abstract: Experiments were carried out to investigate the relationship between ion exchange and energy metabolism in rainbow trout erythrocytes in vitro. Under resting conditions, the sodium/potassium pump accounts for 20% of the cellular energy budget. In the presence of the beta-adrenergic agonist isoproterenol, however, this increases to 43%. Inhibition of the sodium/potassium pump with ouabain results in greater increases in erythrocyte water content and sodium and chloride concentrations and a greater decrease in erythrocyte potassium concentration following stimulation by isoproterenol. Moreover, the decrease in erythrocyte NTP levels observed following adrenergic stimulation does not occur when the sodium/potassium pump is inhibited with ouabain. Inhibition of the sodium/potassium pump also abolishes the increase in oxygen consumption by the cells which normally takes place following adrenergic stimulation. Finally, depletion of erythrocyte NTP levels by the sodium ionophore monensin or by previous incubation with nitrogen does not result in a significant increase in oxygen consumption. Thus, catecholamines appear to be crucial for the metabolic-membrane coupling that occurs following adrenergic stimulation in rainbow trout erythrocytes.

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Identifiers--KeyWords Plus: RED-CELLS; PROTEIN-PHOSPHORYLATION; ADRENERGIC-STIMULATION; FISH ERYTHROCYTES; HORMONAL-CONTROL; PH REGULATION; MEMBRANE; TRANSPORT; VOLUME; INVIVO

Research Fronts: 89-1358 001 (RAINBOW-TROUT (SALMO-GAIRDNERI); ACID-BASE REGULATION FOLLOWING EXHAUSTIVE EXERCISE; MARINE FISH; RESPIRATORY ADAPTATIONS; ENZYMES OF ARGinine METABOLISM)

89-4150 001 (PHOSPHORYLATION OF PROTEINS; CATALYTIC SUBUNIT; GLYCOGEN-SYNTHASE ACTIVITY; CASEIN KINASE-2; LENS ALPHA- CRYSTALLIN A-CHAIN; PHOSPHODIESTER LINKAGE)

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...Abstract: potassium pump with ouabain results in greater increases in erythrocyte water content and sodium and chloride concentrations and a greater decrease in erythrocyte potassium concentration following stimulation by isoproterenol. Moreover, the...

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89-4150 001 (PHOSPHORYLATION OF PROTEINS; CATALYTIC SUBUNIT; GLYCOGEN-SYNTHASE ACTIVITY; CASEIN KINASE-2; LENS ALPHA- CRYSTALLIN A-CHAIN; PHOSPHODIESTER LINKAGE)

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Alexander-disease mutation of GFAP causes filament disorganization and decreased solubility of GFAP  
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Alexander disease is a fatal neurological illness characterized by white-matter degeneration and the formation of astrocytic cytoplasmic inclusions called Rosenthal fibers, which contain the intermediate filament

glial fibrillary acidic protein (GFAP), the small heat-shock proteins HSP27 and alphaB- **crystallin**, and ubiquitin. Many Alexander-disease patients are heterozygous for one of a set of point mutations in the GFAP gene, all of which result in amino acid substitutions. The biological effects of the most common alteration, R239C, were tested by expressing the mutated protein in cultured cells by transient transfection. In primary rat astrocytes and Cos-7 cells, the mutant GFAP was incorporated into filament networks along with the endogenous GFAP and vimentin, respectively. In SW13VimSUP- cells, which have no endogenous cytoplasmic intermediate filaments, wild-type human GFAP frequently formed filamentous bundles, whereas the R239C GFAP formed 'diffuse' and irregular patterns. Filamentous bundles of R239C GFAP were sometimes formed in SW13VimSUP- cells when wild-type GFAP was co-transfected. Although the presence of a suitable coassembly partner (vimentin or GFAP) reduced the potential negative effects of the R239C mutation on GFAP network formation, the mutation affected the stability of GFAP in cells in a dominant fashion. Extraction of transfected SW13VimSUP- cells with Triton-X-100-containing buffers showed that the mutant GFAP was more resistant to solubilization at elevated KCl concentrations. Both wild-type and R239C GFAP assembled into 10 nm filaments with similar morphology in vitro. Thus, although the R239C mutation does not appear to affect filament formation per se, the mutation alters the normal solubility and organization of GFAP networks.

DRUG DESCRIPTORS:

\*glial fibrillary acidic protein--endogenous compound--ec  
heat shock protein 27--endogenous compound--ec; alpha **crystallin**--endogenous compound--ec; beta **crystallin**--endogenous compound--ec;  
ubiquitin--endogenous compound--ec; amino acid--endogenous compound--ec;  
mutant protein--endogenous compound--ec; vimentin--endogenous compound--ec;  
triton x 100; buffer; potassium **chloride**; **arginine**--endogenous compound--ec;  
cysteine--endogenous compound--ec.

MEDICAL DESCRIPTORS:

\*Alexander disease--diagnosis--di; \*Alexander disease--etiology--et  
gene mutation; neurologic disease--etiology--et; clinical feature; white matter; astrocyte; cell inclusion; heterozygosity; point mutation; amino acid substitution; protein expression; cell culture; genetic transfection; cytoplasm; wild type; protein assembly; intermediate filament; protein stability; solubilization; concentration (parameters); cell structure; in vitro study; protein structure; human; nonhuman; rat; controlled study; human cell; animal cell; article; priority journal

CAS REGISTRY NO.: 60267-61-0 (ubiquitin); 65072-01-7 (amino acid);  
7447-40-7 (potassium **chloride**); 1119-34-2, 15595-35-4, 7004-12-8,  
74-79-3 ( **arginine** ); 4371-52-2, 52-89-1, 52-90-4 (cysteine)

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- 008 Neurology and Neurosurgery
- 022 Human Genetics
- 029 Clinical and Experimental Biochemistry

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DRUG DESCRIPTORS:

heat shock protein 27--endogenous compound--ec; alpha **crystallin**--endogenous compound--ec; beta **crystallin**--endogenous compound--ec;  
ubiquitin--endogenous compound--ec; amino acid--endogenous compound--ec;

mutant protein--endogenous compound--ec; vimentin--endogenous compound--ec; triton x 100; buffer; potassium chloride ; arginine --endogenous compound--ec; cysteine--endogenous compound--ec  
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Human procarboxypeptidase U, or thrombin-activatable fibrinolysis inhibitor, is a substrate for transglutaminases: Evidence for transglutaminase-catalyzed cross-linking to fibrin  
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Procarboxypeptidase U (EC 3.4.17.20) (pro-CpU), also known as plasma procarboxypeptidase B and thrombin-activatable fibrinolysis inhibitor, is a human plasma protein that has been implicated in the regulation of fibrinolysis. In this study, we show that pro-CpU serves as a substrate for transglutaminases. Both factor XIIIa and tissue transglutaminase catalyzed the polymerization of pro-CpU and the cross-linking to fibrin as well as the incorporation of 5-dimethylaminonaphthalene-1-sulfonyl cadaverine (dansylcadaverine), [<sup>1</sup>s<sup>4</sup>C]putrescine, and dansyl-PGGQQIV. These findings show that pro-CpU contains both amine acceptor (Gln) and amine donor (Lys) residues. The amine acceptor residues were identified as Gln<sup>2</sup>, Gln<sup>5</sup>, and Gln<sup>2</sup><sup>9</sup><sup>2</sup>, suggesting that both the activation peptide and the mature enzyme participate in the cross-linking reaction. These observations imply that transglutaminases may mediate covalent binding of pro-CpU to other proteins and cell surfaces in vivo. In particular, factor XIIIa may cross-link pro- CpU to fibrin during the latter part of the coagulation cascade, thereby helping protect the newly formed fibrin clot from premature plasmin degradation. Moreover, the cross-linking may facilitate the activation of pro-CpU, stabilize the enzymatic activity, and protect the active enzyme from further degradation.

#### DRUG DESCRIPTORS:

\*protein glutamine gamma glutamyltransferase--endogenous compound--ec; \* antifibrinolytic agent--endogenous compound--ec  
dansylcadaverine--endogenous compound--ec; putrescine--endogenous compound--ec; dansyl chloride --endogenous compound--ec; glutamine--endogenous compound--ec; lysine--endogenous compound--ec; blood clotting factor 13 --endogenous compound--ec; fibrin--endogenous compound--ec; plasmin --endogenous compound--ec; arginine --endogenous compound--ec; alpha 2 antiplasmin--endogenous compound--ec; amine--endogenous compound--ec;

plasminogen activator inhibitor 1--endogenous compound--ec; beta crystallin --endogenous compound--ec; fibrinogen--endogenous compound--ec; vitronectin--endogenous compound--ec; unclassified drug

MEDICAL DESCRIPTORS:

\*fibrinolysis; \*enzyme substrate

fibrin polymerization; covalent bond; fibrin clot; enzyme activity; enzyme stability; enzyme degradation; liver; sequence homology; carboxy terminal sequence; enzyme active site; protein cross linking; enzyme specificity; human; nonhuman; human tissue; animal tissue; article; priority journal

DRUG TERMS (UNCONTROLLED): procarboxypapetidase u--endogenous compound--ec; thrombin activable fibrinolysis inhibitor

CAS REGISTRY NO.: 80146-85-6 (protein glutamine gamma glutamyltransferase); 10121-91-2 (dansylcadaverine); 110-60-1, 333-93-7 (putrescine); 605-65-2 (dansyl chloride); 56-85-9, 6899-04-3 (glutamine); 56-87-1, 6899-06-5, 70-54-2 (lysine); 9013-56-3 (blood clotting factor 13); 9001-31-4 (fibrin); 9001-90-5, 9004-09-5 (plasmin); 1119-34-2, 15595-35-4, 7004-12-8, 74-79-3 (arginine); 140208-23-7 (plasminogen activator inhibitor 1); 9001-32-5 (fibrinogen)

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DRUG DESCRIPTORS:

dansylcadaverine--endogenous compound--ec; putrescine--endogenous compound--ec; dansyl chloride --endogenous compound--ec; glutamine--endogenous compound--ec; lysine--endogenous compound--ec; blood clotting factor 13 --endogenous compound--ec; fibrin--endogenous compound--ec; plasmin --endogenous compound--ec; arginine --endogenous compound--ec; alpha 2 antiplasmin--endogenous compound--ec; amine--endogenous compound--ec; plasminogen activator inhibitor 1--endogenous compound--ec; beta crystallin --endogenous compound--ec; fibrinogen--endogenous compound--ec; vitronectin--endogenous compound--ec; unclassified drug

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ORGANISMS: cow (Bovidae); human (Hominidae)

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COMMON TAXONOMIC TERMS: Artiodactyls; Nonhuman Vertebrates; Nonhuman Mammals; Animals; Chordates; Humans; Mammals; Primates; Vertebrates

DISEASES: desmin-related myopathy--muscle disease

CHEMICALS & BIOCHEMICALS: alpha- **crystallin** --structure, chaperone-like activity; **arginine hydrochloride** ; alpha-A **crystallin** ; alpha-B **crystallin** ; aminoguanidine hydrochloride

METHODS & EQUIPMENT: far-UV circular dichroism spectroscopy--laboratory techniques, spectrum analysis techniques; near-UV circular dichroism spectroscopy--laboratory techniques, spectrum analysis techniques; fluorescence assay--laboratory techniques, spectrum analysis techniques; glycerol gradient sedimentation--laboratory techniques

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Results: A decrease in chaperone-like activity of alpha H- and alpha L-crystallins was observed in STZ-treated diabetic rats. The declined chaperone-like activity due to hyperglycemia was associated with reduced hydrophobicity and altered secondary and tertiary structure of alpha H- and alpha L-crystallins. Interestingly, alpha H- and alpha L-crystallins isolated from curcumin fed diabetic rat lenses had shown improved chaperone-like activity as compared to alpha H- and alpha L-crystallins from untreated diabetic rat lens. Feeding of curcumin prevented the alterations in hydrophobicity and structural changes due to STZ-induced hyperglycemia. Modulation of functional and structural properties by curcumin was found to be greater with the alpha L- crystallin than alpha H- crystallin. Loss of chaperone activity of alpha- crystallin, particularly alpha L- crystallin, in diabetic rat lens could be attributed at least partly to increased oxidative stress. Being an antioxidant, curcumin feeding has prevented the loss of alpha- crystallin chaperone activity and delayed the progression and maturation of diabetic cataract.

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**MEDICAL DESCRIPTORS:**

protein assembly; biological model; protein domain; fluorescence resonance energy transfer; protein denaturation; protein structure; room temperature; hydrophobicity; article; priority journal

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REGISTRY NUMBERS: 78-98-8: methylglyoxal

DESCRIPTORS:

MAJOR CONCEPTS: Biochemistry and Molecular Biophysics

BIOSYSTEMATIC NAMES: Enterobacteriaceae--Facultatively Anaerobic Gram-Negative Rods, Eubacteria, Bacteria, Microorganisms

ORGANISMS: Escherichia coli (Enterobacteriaceae)--expression system

COMMON TAXONOMIC TERMS: Bacteria; Eubacteria; Microorganisms

CHEMICALS & BIOCHEMICALS: methylglyoxal {MGO}; alpha-A- **crystallin** -- methylglyoxal-modifiable **arginine** residue

METHODS & EQUIPMENT: site-directed mutagenesis--laboratory techniques, genetic techniques

CONCEPT CODES:

10060 Biochemistry studies - General

31000 Physiology and biochemistry of bacteria

BIOSYSTEMATIC CODES:

06702 Enterobacteriaceae

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DESCRIPTORS:

CHEMICALS & BIOCHEMICALS: ...alpha-A- **crystallin** ---

...methylglyoxal-modifiable **arginine** residue

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Arginine hydrochloride enhances the dynamics of subunit assembly and the chaperone-like activity of alpha- **crystallin**

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**ABSTRACT:** Purpose: alpha- Crystallin, a major eye lens protein, bears homology with small heat shock proteins (sHsps) and exhibits molecular chaperone-like activity. Structural perturbation by temperature or low concentrations of denaturants leads to enhancement of its chaperone-like activity. We have earlier demonstrated similar enhancement of chaperone-like activity using biologically compatible solutes such as **arginine hydrochloride** and aminoguanidine. The purpose of the present study is to get an insight into the mechanism of the **arginine** induced enhancement of chaperone-like activity of alpha- **crystallin**. Methods: The effect of **arginine hydrochloride** on the chaperone-like activity of alpha- **crystallin** at 25 degrees C was studied using DTT induced aggregation of insulin as a model system. Changes in the accessibility of the thiol group near the end of the alpha- **crystallin** domain in the absence and the presence of **arginine hydrochloride** were studied using dithiobisnitrobenzoic acid. Fluorescence resonance energy transfer studies were performed to investigate changes in the dynamics of the subunit assembly. Urea induced denaturation studies of alpha- **crystallin** were carried out to investigate structural destabilization of alpha- **crystallin**, if any, in the presence of **arginine hydrochloride**. Results: **Arginine hydrochloride** increases the chaperone-like activity of alpha- **crystallin** several fold towards DTT induced aggregation of insulin at room temperature. Our study shows that both the extent and the rate of accessibility of the thiol group are increased in the presence of **arginine**. Fluorescence resonance energy transfer experiments show that **arginine hydrochloride** significantly increases the subunit exchange between the oligomers of alpha- **crystallin**. **Arginine** induced structural perturbation and loosening of subunit assembly of alpha- **crystallin** leads to overall destabilization of the protein as reflected by the urea denaturation study. Conclusions: **Arginine** perturbs the tertiary and quaternary structure of alpha- **crystallin** and enhances the dynamics of the subunit assembly leading to enhanced chaperone-like activity. Thus, in addition to size, surface hydrophobicity, and charge distribution, the dynamics of the subunit assembly appears to be one of the critical factors that can modulate the chaperone activity.

REGISTRY NUMBERS: 9004-10-8: insulin; 79-17-4: aminoguanidine; 32042-43-6: **arginine hydrochloride**

DESCRIPTORS:

MAJOR CONCEPTS: Biochemistry and Molecular Biophysics; Sense Organs--  
Sensory Reception

ORGANISMS: PARTS ETC: eye lens

CHEMICALS & BIOCHEMICALS: insulin; small heat shock proteins;  
aminoguanidine; **arginine hydrochloride**; alpha- **crystallin**--  
chaperone-like activity

CONCEPT CODES:

10060 Biochemistry studies - General

10064 Biochemistry studies - Proteins, peptides and amino acids

20004 Sense organs - Physiology and biochemistry

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...REGISTRY NUMBERS: arginine hydrochloride

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CHEMICALS & BIOCHEMICALS: ... arginine hydrochloride ; ...

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REGISTRY NUMBERS: 1119-34-2Q: **arginine hydrochloride** ; 15595-35-4Q: **arginine hydrochloride** ; 32042-43-6Q: **arginine hydrochloride** ; 1937-19-5Q: aminoguanidine **hydrochloride** ; 16139-18-7Q: aminoguanidine **hydrochloride**

DESCRIPTORS:

MAJOR CONCEPTS: Biochemistry and Molecular Biophysics

BIOSYSTEMATIC NAMES: Bovidae--Artiodactyla, Mammalia, Vertebrata, Chordata, Animalia; Hominidae--Primates, Mammalia, Vertebrata, Chordata, Animalia

ORGANISMS: cow (Bovidae); human (Hominidae)

ORGANISMS: PARTS ETC: lens--sensory system

COMMON TAXONOMIC TERMS: Artiodactyls; Nonhuman Vertebrates; Nonhuman Mammals; Animals; Chordates; Humans; Mammals; Primates; Vertebrates

DISEASES: desmin-related myopathy--muscle disease

CHEMICALS & BIOCHEMICALS: alpha- **crystallin** --structure, chaperone-like activity; **arginine hydrochloride** ; alpha-A **crystallin** ; alpha-B **crystallin** ; aminoguanidine **hydrochloride**

METHODS & EQUIPMENT: far-UV circular dichroism spectroscopy--laboratory techniques, spectrum analysis techniques; near-UV circular dichroism spectroscopy--laboratory techniques, spectrum analysis techniques; fluorescence assay--laboratory techniques, spectrum analysis techniques; glycerol gradient sedimentation--laboratory techniques

MISCELLANEOUS TERMS: drug development

CONCEPT CODES:

10060 Biochemistry studies - General  
17506 Muscle - Pathology  
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BIOSYSTEMATIC CODES:  
85715 Bovidae  
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**Abstract:** Purpose: A decline in the chaperone-like activity of eye lens alpha- crystallin in diabetic conditions has been reported. In this study, we investigated whether curcumin, a dietary antioxidant, can manipulate the chaperone-like activity of alpha- crystallin in diabetic rat lens.

Methods: A group of rats received ip injection of streptozotocin (STZ; 35 mg/kg body weight in buffer) to induce hyperglycemia, while another group of rats received only buffer as vehicle and served as control. STZ-treated rats were assigned to 3 groups and fed either no

curcumin or 0.002% or 0.01% curcumin, respectively. Cataract progression due to hyperglycemia was monitored with a slit lamp biomicroscope. At the end of 8 weeks animals were sacrificed and lenses were collected. alpha H- and alpha L-crystallins from a set of pooled lenses in each group were isolated by gel filtration. Chaperone activity, hydrophobicity, and secondary and tertiary structure of alpha H- and alpha L-crystallins were assessed by light scattering/spectroscopic methods.

Results: A decrease in chaperone-like activity of alpha H- and alpha L-crystallins was observed in STZ-treated diabetic rats. The declined chaperone-like activity due to hyperglycemia was associated with reduced hydrophobicity and altered secondary and tertiary structure of alpha H- and alpha L-crystallins. Interestingly, alpha H- and alpha L-crystallins isolated from curcumin fed diabetic rat lenses had shown improved chaperone-like activity as compared to alpha H- and alpha L-crystallins from untreated diabetic rat lens. Feeding of curcumin prevented the alterations in hydrophobicity and structural changes due to STZ-induced hyperglycemia. Modulation of functional and structural properties by curcumin was found to be greater with the alpha L- **crystallin** than alpha H- **crystallin**. Loss of chaperone activity of alpha- **crystallin**, particularly alpha L- **crystallin**, in diabetic rat lens could be attributed at least partly to increased oxidative stress. Being an antioxidant, curcumin feeding has prevented the loss of alpha- **crystallin** chaperone activity and delayed the progression and maturation of diabetic cataract.

Conclusions: We demonstrate that curcumin, at the levels close to dietary consumption, prevented the loss of chaperone-like activity of alpha- **crystallin** vis-a-vis cataractogenesis due to diabetes in rat lens.

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Abstract: To understand the possible mechanism of nitric oxide

(NO)-mediated cytotoxicity, we investigated the effect of NO on the endogenous antioxidant enzymes (AOEs) catalase, glutathione peroxidase (GPX), and CuZn- and Mn-superoxide dismutases (SODs) in rat C-6 glial cells under conditions in which these cells expressed oligodendrocyte-like properties as evidenced by the expression of 2',3'-cyclic-nucleotide 3'-phosphohydrolase. The 24-h treatment with S-nitroso-N-acetylpenicillamine (SNAP), a NO donor, decreased the activities and the protein levels of catalase, GPX, and Mn-SOD in a dose-dependent manner. Alternatively, the activity and the protein level of CuZn-SOD were increased. 2-Phenyl-4,4,5,5-tetramethylimidazoline-1-oxyl-3-oxide (PTIO), a NO scavenger, blocked the effect of SNAP. Moreover, the treatment of C-6 cells with sodium nitroprusside, another NO donor, or with a combination of lipopolysaccharide (LPS) and interferon-gamma (IFN-gamma), which induce excessive production of NO, also significantly modulated the AOE activities in a manner similar to that seen with SNAP treatment. The compounds/enzymes that inhibit the production of NO (e.g., N-nitro-L-arginine methyl ester hydrochloride, arginase, and PTIO) blocked the effects of LPS and IFN-gamma on the activities of AOE. Treatment with SNAP and a combination of LPS and IFN-gamma also modulated the mRNA levels of AOE, parallel to the changes in their protein levels and activities, except for Mn-SOD where the combination of LPS and IFN-gamma markedly stimulated the mRNA expression. In spite of the stimulation of mRNA level, LPS and IFN-gamma significantly inhibited the activity of Mn-SOD within the first 24 h of incubation; however, Mn-SOD activity gradually increased with the increase in time of incubation. These results suggest that alterations in the status of AOE by NO may be the basis of NO-induced cytotoxicity in disease states associated with excessive NO production.

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In this thesis, ASL and  $\delta 2$  **crystallin** were used as model systems to study intragenic complementation and protein oligomerization. The structure and function of mutant proteins possessing amino acid substitutions associated with ASL deficiency were characterized. Mutations were found to either disturb the active site or drastically destabilize the protein such that proper metabolic function would be compromised. By coexpressing different pairs of mutants, intragenic complementation was found to occur between two active site mutants by the regeneration of native-like active sites and between stable and unstable mutants due to the increase in stability upon oligomerization. Complementation was also observed between  $\delta 2$  **crystallin** mutants and between  $\delta 2$  **crystallin** and ASL, implying that ASL and  $\delta 2$  **crystallin** have similar subunit interfaces and that the two proteins fold in the same manner. Both proteins were found to unfold in guanidine hydrochloride *via* a partially folded dimeric intermediate. Extensive site-directed mutagenesis at the subunit interface and of residues buried in the monomer suggested that unfolding occurs independent of the oligomeric state and illustrated the importance of inter-subunit salt-bridges for maintaining tetramer stability. Intragenic complementation was observed between mutant proteins with opposite amino acid substitutions in the subunit interface. Together these studies have provided insight into the pathology of argininosuccinic aciduria and the folding mechanism of ASL and  $\delta 2$  **crystallin**, and have illustrated the value of intragenic complementation studies when examining subunit interactions in oligomeric

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DRUG DESCRIPTORS:

\***alpha crystallin**; \*methylglyoxal; \* **arginine** chaperone; pyrimidine; amino acid; citrate synthase; mutant protein; guanidine **hydrochloride**; insulin; malate dehydrogenase; aromatic amino acid

MEDICAL DESCRIPTORS:

\*protein structure; \*site directed mutagenesis; \*protein function protein modification; circular dichroism; amino acid substitution; hydrophobicity; protein folding; cataractogenesis; protein aggregation; aging; lens; human; controlled study; article; priority journal

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Arginine hydrochloride enhances the dynamics of subunit assembly and the chaperone-like activity of alpha- **crystallin**

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Purpose: alpha- **Crystallin**, a major eye lens protein, bears homology with small heat shock proteins (sHsps) and exhibits molecular chaperone-like activity. Structural perturbation by temperature or low concentrations of denaturants leads to enhancement of its chaperone-like activity. We have earlier demonstrated similar enhancement of chaperone-like activity using biologically compatible solutes such as **arginine hydrochloride** and aminoguanidine. The purpose of the present study is to get an insight into the mechanism of the **arginine** induced enhancement of chaperone-like activity of **crystallin**. Methods: The effect of **arginine hydrochloride** on the chaperone-like activity of alpha-**crystallin** at 25 degreesC was studied using DTT induced aggregation of insulin as a model system. Changes in the accessibility of the thiol group near the end of the a- **crystallin** domain in the absence and the presence of **arginine hydrochloride** were studied using dithiobisnitrobenzoic acid. Fluorescence resonance energy transfer studies were performed to investigate changes in the dynamics of the subunit assembly. Urea induced denaturation studies of alpha- **crystallin** were carried out to investigate structural destabilization of alpha- **crystallin**, if any, in the presence of **arginine hydrochloride**. Results: **Arginine hydrochloride**

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**Arginine** induced structural perturbation and loosening of subunit assembly of alpha- **crystallin** leads to overall destabilization of the protein as reflected by the urea denaturation study. Conclusions: **Arginine** perturbs the tertiary and quaternary structure of a- **crystallin** and enhances the dynamics of the subunit assembly leading to enhanced chaperone-like activity. Thus, in addition to size, surface hydrophobicity, and charge distribution, the dynamics of the subunit assembly appears to be one of the critical factors that can modulate the chaperone activity.

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DRUG DESCRIPTORS:

\* **arginine** ; \*chaperone; \*alpha **crystallin**  
dithiothreitol; insulin; benzoic acid; urea

MEDICAL DESCRIPTORS:

protein assembly; biological model; protein domain; fluorescence resonance energy transfer; protein denaturation; protein structure; room temperature; hydrophobicity; article; priority journal

CAS REGISTRY NO.: 1119-34-2, 15595-35-4, 7004-12-8, 74-79-3 ( **arginine** );  
3483-12-3 (dithiothreitol); 9004-10-8 (insulin); 532-32-1, 582-25-2,  
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DRUG DESCRIPTORS:

\*chaperone; \*alpha **crystallin** --endogenous compound--ec; \* **arginine** guanidine derivative; aminoguanidine; guanidine **hydrochloride** ; desmin; glycerol; pyrene; oligomer; unclassified drug

MEDICAL DESCRIPTORS:

\*protein structure

structure analysis; protein targeting; protein binding; point mutation; circular dichroism; fluorescence; sedimentation; protein secondary structure; solubilization; protein tertiary structure; protein quaternary structure; nonhuman; article; priority journal

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Descriptors: \*Arginine --physiology--PH; \*Molecular Chaperones --physiology--PH; \*alpha- Crystallin A Chain--physiology--PH; Arginine --chemistry--CH; Carbonic Anhydrases--metabolism--ME; Circular Dichroism; Humans; Mutagenesis, Site-Directed; Protein Structure, Secondary; Pyruvaldehyde--pharmacology--PD; Research Support, N.I.H., Extramural; Research Support, Non-U.S. Gov't; Spectrometry, Fluorescence; alpha-Crystallin A Chain--chemistry--CH

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**Structural perturbation and enhancement of the chaperone-like activity of alpha- crystallin by arginine hydrochloride .**

Structural perturbation of alpha- **crystallin** is shown to enhance its molecular chaperone-like activity in preventing aggregation of target proteins. We demonstrate that **arginine** , a biologically compatible molecule that is known to bind to the peptide backbone and negatively charged side-chains, increases the chaperone-like activity of calf eye lens alpha- **crystallin** as well as recombinant human alphaA- and alphaB-crystallins. **Arginine** -induced increase in the chaperone activity is more pronounced for alphaB- **crystallin** than for alphaA- **crystallin** . Other guanidinium compounds such as aminoguanidine **hydrochloride** and guanidine **hydrochloride** also show a similar effect, but to different extents. A point mutation, R120G, in alphaB- **crystallin** that is associated with desmin-related myopathy, results in a significant loss of chaperone-like activity. **Arginine** restores the activity of mutant protein to a considerable extent. We have investigated the effect of **arginine** on the structural changes of alpha- **crystallin** by circular dichroism, fluorescence, and glycerol gradient sedimentation. Far-UV CD spectra show no significant...

... in secondary structure, whereas near-UV CD spectra show subtle changes in the presence of **arginine** . Glycerol gradient sedimentation shows a significant decrease in the size of alpha- **crystallin** oligomer in the presence of **arginine** . Increased exposure of hydrophobic surfaces of alpha- **crystallin** , as monitored by pyrene-solubilization and